AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An A water supply apparatus for water supply of a drum type washing machine, comprising:
 - an inlet valve configured to selectively supplying or cutting off supply water;
 - a second hose connecting portion provided at the detergent box;
- a detergent box storing a detergent and having a water/detergent passage inside formed therein, wherein the detergent box is configured to receive detergent therein;
 - a first hose connecting portion provided at the detergent box;
 - a second hose connecting portion provided at the inlet valve; and
- an inlet hose having a first end connected to the second first hose connecting portion and the othera second end connected to the first second hose connecting portion, wherein the second hose connecting portion is disposed higher than the first hose connecting portion such that at least a portion of the inlet hose is disposed at a slant between the first and second hose connecting portions.
- 2. (Original) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inlet hose is formed of a stiff material.

3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inlet hose is provided oriented at a slant like and extends in a substantially straight line between the first and second hose connecting portions.

- 4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inlet hose is bent to be provided partially slant includes a least one bent portion, with a portion to one side of the at least one bent portion oriented substantially horizontal, and a portion to the opposite side of the at least one bent portion oriented at a slant.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second hose connecting portion is comprises a pipe protruding from one a front side of the inlet valve.
- 6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the second hose connecting portion is built in oneas a single body of with the inlet valve.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first hose connecting portion is comprises a pipe protruding which protrudes from one a rear side of the detergent box.

- 8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first hose connecting portion is built in oneas a single body of with the detergent box.
- 9. A drum type washing machine, comprising:
 - a tub holding water configured to receive washing fluid;
 - a drum rotatably installed in the tub;
 - an inlet valve configured to selectively supplying or cutting off the supply water;
 - a second hose connecting portion provided at the inlet valve;
- a detergent box storing a detergent and having a water/detergent passage inside formed therein, wherein the detergent box is configured to receive detergent therein;
 - a first hose connecting portion provided at the detergent box;
 - a second hose connecting portion provided at the inlet valve; and
- an inlet hose having one a first end connected to the second first hose connecting portion and the othera second end connected to the first second hose connecting portion, wherein the second hose connecting portion is disposed higher than the first hose connecting portion such that at least a portion of the inlet hose is disposed at a slant between the first and second hose connecting portions.
- 10. (Original) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inlet hose is formed of a stiff material.

11. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inlet hose is provided oriented at a slant like and extends in a substantially straight line between the first and second hose connecting portions.

- 12. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 9, wherein the inlet hose is bent to be provided partially slantincludes at least one bent portion, with a portion to one side of the at least one bent portion oriented substantially horizontal, and a portion to the opposite side of the at least one bent portion oriented at a slant.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 9, wherein the second hose connecting portion is comprises a pipe protruding from one a front side of the inlet valve.
- 14. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 13, wherein the second hose connecting portion is built in oneas a single body of with the inlet valve.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 9, wherein the first hose connecting portion is-comprises a pipe protruding which protrudes from one a rear side of the detergent box.

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16. (Currently Amended) The drum type washing machine as claimed in claim 15, wherein the first hose connecting portion is built in oneas a single body of with the detergent box.

- 17. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a third hose connecting portion configured to extend through an opening in a rear wall of the washing machine, wherein a first end of the third hose connecting portion is coupled to an external supply pipe and a second end of the third hose connecting portion is coupled to a first end of the second hose connecting portion, wherein a second end of the second hose connecting portion is connected to the inlet valve.
- 18. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 17, wherein the second hose connecting portion and the third hose connecting portion are each configured to be disposed within a cabinet of the washing machine.
- 19. (New) A washing machine comprising the water supply apparatus of claim 1.
- 20. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 9, further comprising a third hose connecting portion which extends through an opening in a rear wall of the washing machine, so as to supply water from an external supply pipe to the inlet hose via the second hose connecting portion, wherein the second and third hose connecting portions are each disposed within a cabinet of the washing machine.